

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 2, 3/2 and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 2 is traversed but in any event is deemed overcome by the foregoing amendments.

The rejection of Claims 1-3 and 14-18 as being anticipated by WO 00/26559 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants incorporate herein the remarks made in their Reply dated April 12, 2005. Further, in light of the Examiner's recognition of the difference between the present invention and the prior art, applicants have amended these claims to define their invention in Claim 1 as a control unit which suppresses thrust or push-up output shaft torque due to an inertia torque as disclosed at page 40, lines 18-20 of the application and in Claim 2 as a control unit which drives a motor to suppress drawn or pull-in output shaft torque due to clutch-to-clutch gear shift as disclosed at page 43, lines 16-18 of the specification.

With regard to the previously added but now deleted Claims 16 and 17, applicants note that the submission of these claims and the reference to Fig. 22 at page 8 of the remarks found in the Reply of April 12, 2005 was based upon applicants' erroneous review of another priority document, namely JP 2001-383289, containing that figure and not the priority document upon which the

present application is based. Applicants regret any inconvenience caused by this error without deceptive intent which is in any event moot.

Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.50859).

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